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EGYPT WANTS BRITISH TROOPS WITHDRAWN

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON STRIKE THREAT

The following statement from the Labour Officer was officially released this morning:

The statements which have appeared in the Chinese Press regarding the meeting held on Monday, August 11, between representatives of the Chinese Engineers' Institute and the management of the dockyards have been so garbled as to be entirely misleading. The correct position is as follows:

The Chinese Engineers' Institute has put forward certain demands relating to the basic wages of artisan workers in European-owned establishments.

In view of the fact that conditions vary tremendously in different industries, and also that the Chinese Engineers' Institute is only representative of certain categories of workers, and furthermore, that many workers in those categories are not members of the Chinese Engineers' Institute but are members of other unions, it is obviously impossible for the European employers as a whole to negotiate an overall agreement with this one union without immediately involving themselves in endless negotiations with other unions.

The Chinese Engineers' Institute stated that the discontent among their members was strongest in the dockyards, they were requested to prepare their case for submission to the management of the dockyards at a meeting in the Labour Office.

This meeting, however, the Chinese Engineers' Institute did not put forward their request with special reference to conditions of work and remuneration in the dockyards, but contented themselves with reiterating their former request for a general overall increase for artisans.

The Labour Office has for some time been in consultation with the various dockyard unions with a view to settling up the management and machinery between the workers and the employers of the dockyards. This machinery would take the form of a committee on which would be represented all the unions of workers employed in the dockyards and representatives of the management.

The object of this committee would be to consider all problems which are common to all the dockyards, including questions of pay and working hours, and general conditions of work of all employees in the dockyards. Machinery of this type has been set up not only in the United Kingdom but in many other countries.

It is in accordance with sound Trade Union practice and the recommendations of the International Labour Office. It provides a sound and democratic means for the amicable settlement of disputes between workers and employers.

At the meeting in the Labour Office on Monday, August 11, the position was explained to the representatives of the Chinese Engineers' Institute and it was suggested to them that they should reserve their demands until this committee had been established.

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Motor Ship Rammed, Sunk

Port Angeles, Washington State, Aug. 13.—The United States motor ship Diamond Knot, 3,895 tons, was rammed and sunk by a heavy freighter, Victory, of 7,607 tons, in a fog early today and sank after day-break near Crescent Bay, west of Port Angeles.

The Diamond Knot was being towed by two tugs when she sank. She was carrying a salmon cargo valued at \$750,000.

After the collision, the Victory radioed in a dramatic SOS: "I am keeping the Diamond Knot afloat with her cross trees hooked over my bow."

A message from the Coast Guard station at Seattle said that the ships collided in a heavy fog and that the Diamond Knot was penetrated to a depth of eight feet.—Reuter.

Bomb Derails Leave Train

Vienna, Aug. 13.—Two bomb explosions took place within 80 miles of each other in Carinthia in the British zone of Austria today, one derailing a British leave train, injuring men and women passengers returning from their homes, and the other exploded outside the Military Headquarters at Velden, in Carinthia.

The train was derailed as it passed by a cliff edge during darkness at Mallnitz, near its journey's end. Emergency crews and breakdown trucks equipped with searchlights went to the scene to find a number of forces men and women slightly injured. One person was taken to hospital. A second bomb had failed to explode.

A small bomb which exploded outside the Military Headquarters at Velden caused neither casualties nor damage to the building, which was occupied by the staff of 138 Brigade.

While the British military police and the civilian forces attempted to bring the people responsible for the train wrecking, it was unofficially believed here that Jewish terrorists were involved. The help of the American authorities in the neighbouring zone was requested.

But for the fact that a baggage van was next to the engine the casualties might have been serious. The floor of the van was shattered and the next four coaches derailed.—Reuter.

OPERA STARS BETROTHED

London, Aug. 13.—Mimi Benzell, Metropolitan Opera soprano, and John Westbrook, British actor, announced their engagement today. Westbrook is Miss Benzell's leading man in the opera, "The Nightingale".—United Press.

WITHDRAWN BY SEPT. 1

Lake Success, Aug. 13.—The Prime Minister of Egypt, Mahmoud El Nokrashy Pasha, today called on the United Nations Security Council to order that British troops be withdrawn from his country by September 1 of this year. This was the first time a date had been mentioned by Egypt.

Nokrashy Pasha, who was speaking for the third time in the Security Council on Egypt's complaint against Britain, had just heard Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British spokesman, ask the Council to dismiss the Egyptian case.

Sir Alexander declared: "There is no dispute here which endangers peace and security unless Egypt deliberately creates one rather than to comply with her international obligations."

The British delegate, speaking of the British troops in Egypt, said: "The British troops in Egypt are an arbitrary though inefficient despotism. When they left, elements or rule of law had been established. Arbitrary despotism is characteristic of Nazism. When the British came to Egypt they found slave trading and slavery. When they left both these things had ceased. Slavery is a characteristic of Nazism."

After referring again in detail to the bombardment of Alexandria in 1922, Sir Alexander said that because the covenant of the League is no longer in force, the important provision of the treaty had ceased to be operative. "If the covenant of the League had been in force and Egypt had brought her present claim before the Council of the League of Nations, my Government would have contended before that body that the Egyptian claims should be completely rejected in accordance with the provisions of the covenant on precisely the same grounds as she now contends that these claims should be dismissed in accordance with the provisions of the UNO charter, namely that Egypt has no case because a valid treaty accords a complete answer to both demands and there is no danger to security unless Egypt creates one through failure to fulfil her treaty obligations."

GENUINE DISPUTES
"My Government fully accepts the position that genuine disputes relating to the application of the treaty to the people of Egypt should be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations."

Sir Alexander could not agree with Nokrashy Pasha's statement that both parties to a treaty should have the right to submit differences of the League of Nations after ten years. The treaty stipulated a time limit of 20 years.

He also said that Nokrashy Pasha would not have said that Egypt was not grateful for United Kingdom help in getting rid of capitalizations if he knew all the facts.

Sir Alexander also strongly refuted what he called the "insinuations" by Nokrashy Pasha, firstly, that Britain wanted to keep the Sudanese out of the discussions relating to their future, whereas Egypt wished to bring the Sudan into the discussions, and secondly, that Britain wished to defer Sudanese self-government to a distant future, while Egypt was defending the rights of the Sudanese.

Egypt's case before this Council has been that the Sudan is tied to Egypt by geographical, racial, linguistic and economic ties and so tied indefinitely.

"We have sought to prove the contrary and if the Sudanese people should wish for complete independence there are no reasons to prevent their achieving it."

STIRRING UP FEELING

Nokrashy Pasha, speaking in the Egyptian Chamber in December last, said "Everybody must know when I say the unity of Egypt and the Sudan under the crown of Egypt I mean a permanent unity and it was because of statements of this kind and of the fact that the United Kingdom would not, to gain its political desires in Egypt, barter away this matter. Before the Egyptian Chamber he said that the Sudanese are to be bound forever to Egypt whether they wish it or not."

Sir Alexander concluded that Egyptian politicians have been stirring up feeling against the treaty with the deliberate intention of gaining their wishes.

It is they who are creating a menace to peace; if there is any, I submit that Egypt has made no case (Continued on Page 4)

DOLLAR DELEGATION NOMINATED

London, Aug. 13.—The composition of the British delegation to Washington to discuss the dollar crisis was decided today.

The leader will be Sir Wilfred Eady of the Treasury. The other members are Sir Edmund Hall-Patch of the Foreign Office, Mr H. J. B. Lintott of the Board of Trade, Mr Thompson-McCausland and Mr P. S. Beale of the Bank of England.

They will leave by air for Washington on Friday evening. Whitehall today expected the talks to be brief and to centre not on more technicalities of the convertibility and discrimination clauses of the loan agreement but on the vital question of whether the United States Treasury can get an appropriation to support sterling after the loan is exhausted.

The only alternative London officials could see was virtual chaos in the foreign exchanges and disruption of trade between the dollar area and the rest of the world.—Reuter

Arabs And Jews In Conflict: Three Killed, 13 Injured

Jerusalem, Aug. 13.—Arabs and Jews continued today to stone, stab and snipe at one another in the streets of Tel-Aviv and adjacent Jaffa, causing three deaths and injuries to 13. Two Arabs and one Jew are on the death list.

MPs INCENSED OVER SOVIET BAN

London, Aug. 13.—Incensed members of the Commons today suggested that the British government strike back at Russia unless it lets 15 Russian wives to join their British husbands.

The Conservative member, Lord Winterton, who raised the question before the Commons adjourned, said: "I think that official correspondence on the subject should be put in the form of a White Paper and the government should consider what is the appropriate international authority to which an appeal should be made. I think if the Soviet government continues to take up this attitude pending a hearing of the question by some international body, the Soviet government should be informed that it is embarrassing for the government to provide visas for members of Russian delegations."

Brigadier A. R. W. Low, Conservative member, said one of the reasons why women were not permitted to leave the Soviet Union was the shortage of manpower but the Soviet Embassy was manned entirely by Russians.

SUGGESTIONS REJECTED

He suggested that Britain ask the Soviet Union to withdraw 30 Russian women who were here for various reasons and perhaps, in return, Russia would consider releasing the wives of the British men.

The Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr Christopher Mayhew, turned down the suggestions.

The Labourite, Mr J. McGovern, said he had concluded "that the Soviet government had no intention of listening to the voice of reason from any part of the world."

Lord Winterton, outlining the background of the case, said during and just after the war 30 men connected with various British missions in Moscow and Murenska and elsewhere married Soviet girls and the Soviet government did not object to it.

He said 15 of the wives were granted permission to come to Britain but some 15 were still in Russia with their five children and they had been told that they would never be allowed to join their husbands in Britain.

Lord Winterton said, "It is one of the many general complaints that I have heard from husbands to their wives and those written by Russian wives fall to reach the husbands or wives as the case may be. The wives cannot get work under ordinary circumstances and some of these girls have received demands to pay the childlessness tax payable by all Soviet women over 20. This amounts to 1,500 rubles a year. One girl was threatened with imprisonment if she did not pay."—United Press.

NOT ENOUGH FILMS
With a view of finding such a solution, Mr J. Arthur Rank, President of the British Producers Association, said the film interests here had invited Mr Eric Johnston, and other representatives of the Motion Pictures Association of America to attend an early conference.

Mr Rank told newspapermen that it would be a "miracle" if British films producers turn out sufficient films to keep British screens occupied after the next six months when the real pinch caused by the American producers' refusal to ship films here is expected to be felt.

He said that British producers had pledged that they would do everything possible to increase home production, but said the handicaps of studio space, the manpower problem and other considerations would leave Britain dependent upon American film imports for a long time to come.

In a recent statement in the United States, Mr Eric Johnston indicated that he might visit England in the near future. Mr Rank said today that no time or place for a conference of the Anglo-American film interests had been fixed but indicated that it might take place in a few weeks and probably in London.—Reuter.

GERMANS ATTACK GIs

Berlin, Aug. 13.—Thirty to forty persons, believed to have been Germans, attacked three American soldiers in a park about 600 yards from the Spandau war criminals' prison here last night.

Two of the Americans, who were being beaten up while standing with their girl friend outside a Spandau cafe.

The other was attacked by four Germans who asked for cigarettes. Private Bell, who is a guard at the Spandau Prison, which houses the Nazi war leaders sentenced to Nuremberg, is said to have been hit with a bag believed to contain a bottle and then jumped on and made unconscious before being thrown into the lake.

Another report said that two Americans were in hospital after being beaten up by Germans.

First Class Private Thomas Bell, of Cambridge, Maryland, according to the later version, was seriously ill in the American hospital after

The Sports Column BATSMEN SCORE FREELY

Lancashire's 510

London, Aug. 13.—Perfect weather produced another crop of big scores in the County cricket championship games today and only Hampshire, with a total of 280, failed to reach 300.

The outstanding performance of the day was accomplished by the Lancashire XI, who ran up a total of 510 against Essex.

For a change, the Middlesex "Twins", Bill Edrich and Denis Compton, were dismissed—both clean bowled—for small scores and Middlesex are having the worst of the argument against Kent.

Edrich's brother, George, however, came into the limelight when playing for Lancashire. Place and Edrich put on no fewer than 273 runs in two hours and 40 minutes for Lancashire's third wicket.

The day's top scores were Palmer, of Worcestershire, whose 176 not out was his best in county cricket and was Worcestershire's best individual score of the season. Palmer was in two century stands and has, so far, batted for five hours ten minutes.

Gloucestershire, leaders in the championship, scoring 89 for the loss of two wickets finished the first day 136 runs behind, but with eight wickets in hand against South Africa, whose first innings totalled 225.

This was not a particularly impressive display by the tourists, who had, all too rare periods, of lively batting, but rather the bowling and there were some painfully slow periods.

The loss of three men before the 100 was reached may have led to the carelessness and some of the brightest hitting was seen late in the afternoon by Harry Barrall, who played six fours and fullerton, who played himself in fully, but showed that he could hit while compiling 35 not out.

Dyer, who opened the innings with McVie, was top-scorer with 74. Gloucestershire had two includes (down) for 28, but a combination of the two leathers, Allen and Crapp, held out for the remainder of the day's play.

CLOSE OF PLAY
The close of play scores were:
South Africa 225 (Dyer 74).
Gloucestershire 89 for two (Allen 2 not out).

At Scarborough: Derbyshire 300 (Townsend 137, Pope 90). Yorkshire four for no wickets.

At Worcester: super-larks included 280 (Rogers 60, Hills 58, Hazell six for 61). Somerset 61 for no wickets.

At Lords: Kent 301 (Fagg 69, Valentine 61). Middlesex 133 for three (Robertson 73 not out).

At Hastings: Sussex 382 for seven (Parry 111, Jones Lancashire 105, Cox 81).

At Swansea: Glamorgan 350 (Dyson 50, Jones 78, Cliff 62, C. B. Clarke five for 123). Northamptonshire 42 for no wickets.

At Dudley: Worcestershire 470 for five (Kenyon 102, Palmer 176 not out, Jenkins 82 not out) against Nottinghamshire.

At Coventry: Warwickshire 443 (Ord 125, Maudsley 52). Surrey no runs for no wickets.

At Clacton: Lancashire 510 (Place 174, G. A. Edrich 132, Wharton 91, Cranston 68, Ray Smith six for 152). Essex 11 for two.—Reuter.

SOCCER RESULTS

London, Aug. 13.—The following are the results of football games in the Scottish leagues:

Division A
Aberdeen 0 Falkirk 2
Airdrieonians 3 Celtic 2
Clyde 1 Falkirk 1
Hearts 3 St. Mirren 2
Morion 3 Dundee 0
Queen's Park 2 Motherwell 5
Queen of St. 6 Partick 1
Rangers 0 Celtic 2, Lanark 2

Division B
Ayr United 0 Albion Rovers 2
Dundee United 5 Alloa 3
Dunfermline 4 Arbroath 3
Hamilton 1 Cowdenbeath 1
Leith 0 East Fife 1
Raith Rovers 2 Dumfries 1
Stenhousemuir 0 Stirling 0
St. Johnstone 2 Kilmarnock 2

—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP DRAW

Montreal, Aug. 13.—Australia and Czechoslovakia will commence their Davis Cup interzone final here tomorrow, with the winner qualifying to challenge the United States for the Cup.

The two singles tomorrow will be Jack Brownie (Australia) against D. Cernik (Czechoslovakia) and Denny Pails (Australia) versus Jaroslav Drobny (Czechoslovakia).

Bromwich will also play in Friday's doubles, partnered by Colin Long.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Same Old Obstructions

IN his reply to the public address of welcome at the King's Theatre, Sir Alexander Graham found time to make specific reference to the future of the Hongkong University. He said: "One matter on which I feel I must comment is the University. I regard it as a matter of the greatest importance that the University should become a first-class institution—a beacon of enlightenment and culture in this part of the world." This pronouncement suggested that a new policy for the future of the University had been agreed upon, that no longer would it have to live on a hand-to-mouth level, that it had expansion plans of public interest. In this belief, the Telegraph endeavoured to obtain the information for its readers. We were coldly rebuffed, being told that the Vice-Chancellor would, in due course, issue a statement to the Press through the Government Public Relations Officer. When our representative suggested that it would be a rather good idea to send some "colour" to the story by visiting the University, noting its warlike damage, and then detailing its rehabilitation work and proposed improvements, a frigid reply came back that the University was not interested;

whatever publicity was needed would be released through the PRO. This was the first time we knew that laymen were better experienced or more accomplished reporters than members of our staff, but it was not the first time we had encountered this type of obstruction. It was prevalent before the Pacific War, and, apparently, nothing must be changed. The self-appointed VPs can still impose their own effective form of censorship, aided today by an escape channel—the Public Relations Office. Many Government departmental heads (and other people) have decided that publicity consists of "angled" hand-outs to the Press through the PRO; under which method, of course, only that which the executive officer feels disposed to reveal is made public. Our understanding was that the PRO existed to assist pressmen to obtain the facts—not to be a stopper. Perhaps an unequivocal directive from the proper quarters might correct the position. In the meantime, much as the Telegraph would like to give its readers a factual and interesting story about the future of the Hongkong University, we fear they will have to wait for the official hand-out, which will probably be as uninformative as a University examination paper.

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COLUMBIA PICTURES PRESENTS



"I wish you wouldn't call the newspapers, Fred. Five is common with dogs."

William Hickey A Policeman's Life

I AM assured that, despite the disturbances which kindle such exquisite joy in the heart of Mr Ben Hecht, recruiting for the Palestine Police proceeds very much as in normal times.

We talked. Until the Germans swaggered into Paris, she was a permanent member of the Opera-Comique. There she had made her name playing such diversified roles as Carmen and Mignon.

WITHOUT bothering the Nazis for permission, Jenny slipped out and across the Atlantic. Following a quietish debut, she got nicely into her American stride in 1942, when inside two months she appeared under Arturo Toscanini, Serge Koussevitzky and Stokowski. And when these gentlemen waggle their little sticks in front of a mezzo-soprano, that is success.

But, chatting with several would-be constables awaiting their medical tests, I found their reasons for joining to be anything but a desire to project themselves into a scrap. Not one of them as much as mentioned the "troubles."

What they did confess was an urge to escape from jobs too dull to be longer endured; to get away from the humdrum, the frustrations, the disappointments.

As one young ex-skyjumper pointed out, joining this force (which is not without its glamour appeal, similar to Canada's Mounties) is one sure way of getting abroad quickly. Even their initial training is done in Palestine.

WHEN recently they arrived on British shores the Metropolitan Opera soprano JENNY TOUREL, she was press-agented as being Russo-French, though often mistaken for Spanish, Brazilian and Italian.

This UNOesque description failed to penetrate our defences. Until someone thought of adding: "Her eyes—big, black, lustrous and slightly slanted—give you a feeling of the Persian, as if she were looking over a nose-veil." Upon which, all organised resistance ceased.

I can now report at first-hand that Miss Tourel is more French than Russian, more Russian than Persian, and perhaps more American than any of these.

He was one of our public performers she had often seen and admired and applauded, but only from the "murkiness of the auditorium. Never had their paths crossed. Never had they spoken to each other.

But if by some political pull, or through friends at Court, I could possibly ferret it for her to call on this talented busker just to ask, shall we say, how business was with him these days, then Carnegie Hall was mine any time I cared, to wrap it up and take it away.

His name: LAURENCE OLIVIER.

TAILPIECE QUOTE: "Women are all right alone. It isn't till you get them together they get mad with you. Of course, in time they get mad with each other, too. But it's too late to do anything about it then."—From the new play, "Boys in Brown."

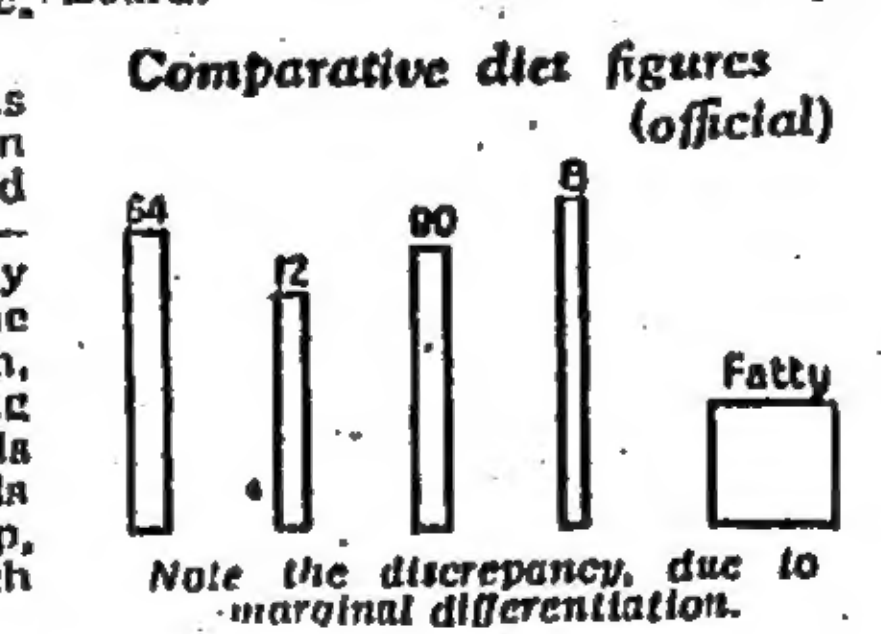
BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE heading "Customs Seize Three Salmon" reminded me of the ludicrous story of the man who dressed up as a bishop, and concealed a large salmon inside his hat.

He took off his hat to mop his brow, in the Customs shed, and an official was so startled that he cried out: "Why, that bishop's got a salmon in his hat." Everybody roared with laughter and the "bishop" got through with his fish, while the officials were rolling about helplessly. But let not this encourage smugglers. The officials now, the moment they spot a bishop, give him that side-glance which is called the ratatouille in Corsica.

CHARABIA NOTHING is more fun than the "controversy" about whether we are better fed than we were before the war. Here is a question to which every sane human being knows the answer from his own experience. But does that stop the spate of words? Fortunately it doesn't. Dear Sir, Mr. Chapman is confusing non-bacon foodstuffs with basic foodstuffs. Dear Sir, Mrs. Wagner forgets that there is no starch in the wet meat-biscuits

from Chili. Dear Sir, the lowest stratum consumes 32 percent more riboflavin than it did in 1936, according to figures supplied by the Dietary Computation (Average) Board.



S. O. W. S. WRITING of an Indian cricket team at Lord's, a correspondent in a Sunday paper, said that after one of the players had fallen over on the wet ground and messed up his trousers, "he readjusted his shirt so that it came outside his trousers. All the rest of the side followed suit." This only shows how progressive the Indians were—long before the organised campaign of the Shirt Outside Waist-starch in the wet meat-biscuits

Quite pointless PROFESSOR Geoffrey Fungus I wishes it to be known that he has changed his name by deed-poll to Phungus. He grew weary of being asked if he was one of the edible fungi. The joke is that he will grow just as weary of being asked if he is one of the edible Phungi.

Atta, Lanta! AN article about poetry readings at a theatre says that film-actors draw the biggest audiences. I bet they do. Who wouldn't cross the road to hear Dame Grable read "Atlantida in Caidon"? I wouldn't.

Question time ASKED in the House by Mrs. Welf whether the camels bought in Arabia to supplement our rations would not be rather tough, an unknown fool replied: "Not their ears, Mum." The Speaker ruled being asked out of order, and a Deputy Assistant Private Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State said: "They will only go to the expensive restaurants, where their humps will be served on toast, as serpents' roes."

Nothing in Life for You?

What is success? It is deciding what is worth while for you personally to attain—and then attaining it. It is not always money. This is the story of three young Socialists who "have invested in their own brains" by going back to the lecture room.

MONEY NO OBJECT

By JOHN DEANE POTTER

THREE young men—an ex-paratroop major, a crane driver, a trolley-bus driver—sit eating cod and boiled potatoes at a polished mahogany table in Oxford.

They eat their food abstractedly and argue about literature with the eyes of a stranger.

For every minute of the day is an adventure for these three—and 80 other students like them—in this Oxford college. They are at Ruskin, the adult college, to learn the way to a new life in the postwar world.

Twenty-seven-year-old Tony Corfield, for instance, had been a test jumper of parachutes at an experimental Army school; shock-haired Jack Ashley, 24 years old, had spent most of his life in the poorest part of the grimy industrial town of Widnes, and was once the youngest councillor in Britain; russet-shirted John Whitehead, with the green tie, oldest of the three at 32, was a bus driver in his home town of Rotherham.

Now they all lead the same life. The gong goes at 7.30 in the morning and they attend their first lecture at nine.

The two single men have about 15s. a week pocket money from their scholarship grants, which means that they have to count every cup of tea. Their tuition fees of £25 a year are paid for them and include board and lodging.

As Jack Ashley, wearing an open-necked cricket shirt, said: "For this chance I would go into a concentration camp for two years."

That is the sort of man Ashley is.

12/- START

HE started work at 14 on 12s. a week filling carboys with acid in a chemical works. After a year or two he graduated to other odd jobs like concrete mixing and coalheaving, until he settled down as a crane driver at £5 a week.

But sharp-eyed Jack Ashley was different from the other youths with whom he worked on building jobs. He was able to project himself outside the life to which he had been born, and gaze at his surroundings

in local politics and trade union work. When Ashley was 20 there was a shortage of dustbins in Widnes. Both the local council and the landlords said they were unable to obtain any. Jack Ashley thought otherwise. He walked to the main road and thumbed a ride in a lorry. Twelve hours later he was in London, having hitch-hiked all the way. He went into a big ironmonger's, found it crammed with dustbins at 18s. 3d. each. He ordered half a gross on behalf of the Widnes Council, explaining that it was subject to confirmation. Then he hitch-hiked back to Widnes and interviewed the astonished town clerk.

DAZED

THAT official, slightly dazed, not in touch with the health committee. They said the cost was prohibitive, but agreed to pass the order over to the property owners. But Ashley had proved his point.

When the war was over he heard that Ruskin College was reopening and applied for a scholarship. Candidates had to write an essay, and for his he was awarded the Malcolm Stewart scholarship.

This pays his fees and gives him just enough pocket money to keep him in clothes and the 3s. 6d. worth of tobacco he smokes every week.

He does not want to go back to crane driving again. What will he do? He has not made up his mind yet, but old scholars of Ruskin can show him the way. They include two deputy Speakers of the House of Commons, Sir Robert Young and Captain Hubert Beaumont, Mr. Jack Lawson, the former War Minister, and 22 members of the present Parliament.

Another man like Ashley is ex-trolleybus driver John Whitehead of Eastwood-view, Rotherham, Yorks. He also started work at 12s. a week as an errand boy.

At 17 he became a bus conductor. He also discovered the great writers, while he punched tickets—his head was swimming with Swift and Shaw and Shakespeare. All his spare time was spent studying English literature at night schools.

Just before the war he graduated from conducting to driving a bus. Throughout the war—frozen in his

job—he drove munition workers to their work in factories near Rotherham.

He planned to go to Oxford before the war broke out, and as soon as it ended he applied for a trade union scholarship. He was by this time secretary of his local union—and was one of the first students at reopened Ruskin.

He does not smoke or drink, but he, too, finds that his budget is down to the bones. In the summer vacation he drove a bus between London and Oxford in order to earn more money and attend special lectures at Balliol. He has chosen to stay at Oxford at one of the old colleges. After that, at the age of 34, he intends to start a new life as a teacher in his native Yorkshire.

Oxford-voiced Major Corfield is a different type. He has been at Oxford before as a result of a scholarship he won prior to the war. He went to an elementary school in Charlton, S.E., won a scholarship to Colfe's Grammar School in Lewisham, and one to Keble College, Oxford.

He wanted to be a teacher, but the war cut his university career short after two years, and he joined the Army in 1941. After being in action in North Africa, he volunteered for the paratroops and was drafted back to England. He ended the war at an Army school testing new parachutes, a hazardous job.

While he was at Oxford he met a girl undergraduate and they were married after she had taken her degree. Now they have a girl aged two and a boy 12 months.

When he was demobilised, Corfield decided that he still wanted to be a teacher. It was a risk to miss the jobs that were going, but he had made up his mind on something better. So he applied for a further 12 months' training at Ruskin and was awarded a Government scholarship.

SHARING

CORFIELD has about £4 a week from his grant. He finds it a tight squeeze, too, especially when one of the babies wants a new toy or some more clothes. But he would not change places with anyone. In the evening he cycles home, plays with the children for a while, and then gets down to his books.

When he leaves college he hopes to go in for adult education—sharing the knowledge he acquired at Ruskin with other young men and women.

I left the three young men arguing, talking, gesticulating. And whenever anyone tells that there is no adventure, I will remember those three young men sitting at that mahogany table in Oxford with only a few shillings in their pockets and the wide world at their feet.

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"Dear Lois Leeds—What are the new skirt lengths?—SUE."

There is a very hot discussion about this! Fifteen inches from the floor if you hate the longer skirt. If you don't, then 13 inches from the floor and ankle length for cocktail and dinner suits if you are ultra-smart!

"Dear Lois Leeds—I have a beige felt hat, large and soft. How could I dress it up?—M.T."

Sew a thick brown cord around the edge of the brim and around the crown. Tie it and let heavy tassels hang directly in back.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I was born in July. What is my birth flower?—KATE."

The Water Lily is your flower and you can wear artificial ones if you can't find fresh ones.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am 5 feet, 9½ inches tall. Should I wear high heels?—T.G."

Yes, if they are comfortable. A tall girl must "stand up" to her height and be proud of it. Don't try to look less tall.



New Spring colours are: Brown and "colourless colours", palest tints of beige, which are so flattering. Other Fashion Notes are: closed-toe shoes, sheer stockings, longer skirts, longer jackets and flower hats.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"After you're through with your conference about the new man I just hired, would someone take a couple of letters?"

JAP DEMOCRATISATION HAS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO

After nearly two years of American occupation, democratisation of Japan still has a long way to go, according to a public opinion poll. Answers to 15 questions to 4,000 Japanese—about equal the number of men and women—revealed that only 48.9 percent considered that Japan was improving.

In a nation-wide poll conducted by the Jiji Press, 18.5 percent of 4,000 Japanese contacted said Japan was heading for the worse, while 12.4 percent thought no progress was made since Japan's surrender.

It was not clear whether the persons answering disagreed with the democratic reconversion of Japan or merely considered the past two years of efforts of the Allied nations unsuccessful. However, it showed that nearly one-third of the poll considered the occupation a failure in the matter of democratisation. About 20.1 percent was non-committal.

Constitution Not Read

Two-fifths of the Japanese have never read the new Constitution or articles of the Constitution, according to the poll. Some 40.3 percent of those who polled did not read the Constitution because of "democratic new Japan" sweeping away feudalism.

Half of the people were of the opinion that the Diet does not reflect the will of the people, the poll showed. Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the National Diet "is the supreme organ of the State" and should truly represent the people at the time when the Constitution was promulgated last November.

In answer to the question, "Do you think the people's will is reflected in the new Diet?" 28.5 percent gave the reply in the negative, 28.2 in the affirmative and the remainder abstained from giving any answer.

Purgees Active

Only half of the people decisively thought the purgees—former wartime leaders now banned from public and influential positions—are not active in areas where the polled lived.

About 17.5 percent definitely thought the purgees active, while the rest gave no answer.

In answer to a question whether public officials have "become more kindly" as the result of the public election system, nearly half saw no change in the attitude of the officials from the past.

Forty-three percent thought public peace has worsened since the end of the war, 20.8 percent thought unchanged and 27.1 percent saw improvement. The rest had no opinion.

Only a little more than one-half of the people with opinions considered the land reform programme making smooth progress. Questioned whether the opinions of the majority of workers were reflected in the labour union movement, those who replied in the negative were three percent more than those who answered in the affirmative.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES FOR UNO CHINA STAFF

Specific instructions on extraterritorial rights available to United Nations personnel stationed in China have been transmitted to local court authorities by the Ministry of Justice in Nanking.

Among the rulings are that UN delegates will enjoy diplomatic immunity, that activities conducted by UN staff in the line of duty will be free from litigation, and that UN members and organisations are exempt from taxation; Customs levies and import-export restrictions.

Divided into three categories, the privileges accorded UN members cover all aspects of personal and property immunity with regard to possible "hindrances" from Chinese laws and regulations.

UN offices, files and documents, the Ministry of Justice ruling provides, are to be held inviolate by the Chinese authorities, while correspondence and code messages will not be subjected to any restrictions or censorship.

Assets and financial receipts of UN organisations in China will be tax-free. Publications and various equipment, further, will be exempt from Customs dues and import-export regulations.

On personal privileges, the Ministry stresses that UN members conducting activities in the line of duty are not liable to court action, and that in the performance of their duties, the Chinese authorities are to extend them every convenience and facility for travelling.

UN personnel, on first arriving in China, are permitted to bring in personal effects without paying Customs levies.

While taxes generally will not be charged UN personnel or organisations, it is particularly mentioned that UN wages and salaries here will be free of income tax.

SEX NOW A CULT TO SAVE WORLD

South of Carmel, on the California coast, Jerry-built cabins have taken on a Bohemian air since the Cult of Sex and Anarchism has set up a colony there.

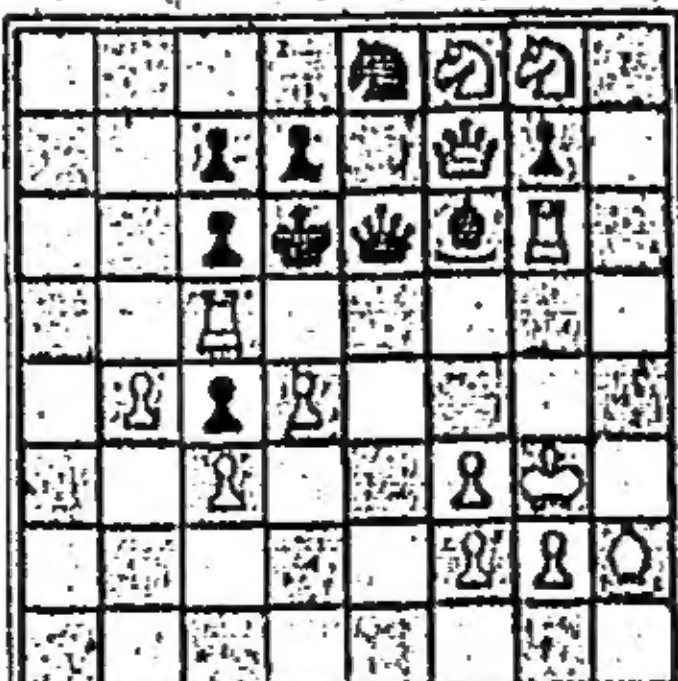
Followers of the cult are young intellectuals who write, paint, discuss philosophy and poetry.

They believe in abandoning the church, the State and the family and concentrating on sex as a source of individual salvation. In a collective world that is going to hell.

They believe that sexual starvation makes the individual a prey to evil and only through potency can he be healthy and produce good.

CHESS PROBLEM

By C. FROMISLO
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 13 pieces.

White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-Q6; threat, 2. RXP (ch).
2. K-K2; CXKt; 1...
3. K-K4; 2. K-K1.

ANOTHER JAPANESE PRETENDER

Another pretender to the Japanese throne is from Urawa City, 15 miles north of Tokyo, according to the Tokyo Shimbun.

The latest pretender—third of its kind—is Michimitsu Todal, who claimed to be the second son of Emperor Meiji. His claim was revealed in a letter addressed to the governor of the Setsuma prefecture.

He expressed in his letter that "Emperor Michimitsu" expressed his intention of establishing a Japanese Republic. He asked the governor when it would be convenient for the "Emperor" to visit him to discuss the matter.

The Tokyo Shimbun said that although Emperor Meiji was known to have only one son, Emperor Tai-sho, pretender Michimitsu might be his illegitimate offspring, since Emperor Meiji loved wine, women and poetry.

DREAMING OF NEXT WAR

Three young US Army officers, their identities known to a select few, have been given the job in Washington of trying to determine what warfare will be like in 20 years.

They will try to visualise problems for the army, navy and air force and new horrors that atomic warfare would leave in its trail.

The officers were selected for their "aptitude in brains." Each has a small staff of talented assistants and freedom to pick the brains of anyone in the army.

Said C-in-C General Eisenhower: "These young officers are like three fellows in a rowboat in the middle of the ocean. They are trying to find some sort of a star that will lead us to the solution of what we have to know."

"They are to make the wildest guesses. No one is empowered to give them instruction, not even me. I do not want their minds dulled by any sort of fixed thinking."

Rupert and the Young Imp—44



Bill and Podgy run across and listen in excitement as Rupert tells of his visit to the King of the Imps. "To think that I've passed this bush hundreds of times," cries Podgy, "and never knew there was a door in the rock hidden behind it."

"Let's all have a look at it," says Bill. So they all three plunge into the thick bush until they reach the back of it, but to their amazement the rock is unbroken and all signs of the door have disappeared!

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Recently, to keep his valuable dairy herd from straying, farmer Garfield Lilley erected three fences across lover's lane. The Parish Council gave Lilley seven days to remove the fences.

Chairman of the Parish Council, Alf Hinks, led seven councillors and 13 villagers to cut down the barbed wire to "re-establish the public's right of way and to protect the villagers' rights which had existed for 100 years."

Said Lilley: "My cattle are valuable and moreover they are tuberculin-tested. If they stray, I will put up the fences again. To hell with romance."

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